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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>
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#### Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 March 2004.  
 2a) This action is FINAL.                    2b) This action is non-final.  
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.  
 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.  
 5) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.  
 6) Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.  
 7) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.  
 8) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.  
 10) The drawing(s) filed on 03/09/2004 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.  
     Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
     Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).  
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
 a) All    b) Some \* c) None of:  
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)           |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)  | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____                                      |
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07/06/2004, 10/17/2005.

## DETAILED ACTION

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Moore (US Pub No: 2002/0078069).

3. As to claim 1, Moore disclose, a computer-implemented method for creating a task identifier for identifying a file within a system for providing help content to computer operator (example, name of the directory for each class, the string, see paragraph [0034] and figure 1, element 216), the method comprising: providing a user with a limited set of word selections that can be assigned to represent a first of a plurality of elements that together form the task identifier (example, History, Math, Science and English see paragraph [0031]); receiving a selection from the user that is indicative of a word selection from the limited set of word selections (example, user make selection (e.g., “MATH”, ) see paragraph [0034] ); and assigning said word selection to represent the first of the plurality of elements (example “find”, see paragraph [0039]).

As to claim 2, Moore disclose, providing the user with a second limited set of word selections that can be assigned to represent a second of the plurality of elements; receiving a second selection from the user that is indicative of a word selection from the

second limited set of word selections; and assigning said word selection from the second limited set of word selections to represent the second of the plurality of elements (example, student selects date or sequential number, see paragraph [0031]).

As to claim 3, Moore disclose, wherein providing a user with a limited set of word selections that can be assigned to represent a first of a plurality of elements comprises providing a user with a limited set of word selections that can be assigned to represent an object element (example, History, Math, Science and English see paragraph [0031]).

As to claim 4, Moore disclose, wherein providing a user with a limited set of word selections that can be assigned to represent a first of a plurality of elements comprises providing a user with a limited set of word selections that can be assigned to represent an action element (example “find”, see paragraph [0039]).

As to claim 5, Moore disclose, further comprising a step of assigning said file to at least one taxonomic category based on the selection received from the user (example, “.backslash.CLASSES” directory, see paragraph [0028]).

As to claim 6, Moore disclose, further comprising a step of assigning said file to more than one taxonomic category based on the selection received from the user (example, student create new data, list box appears with list of classes, see paragraph [0029]).

As to claim 7, Moore disclose, wherein the plurality of elements are arranged in accordance with a predetermined structure of organizational elements (predetermined document structure, see paragraph [0021]).

As to claim 8, Moore disclose, wherein the plurality of elements are arranged in accordance with a predetermined order of linguistic structural components (example, list box appears with list of classes (linguistic means list of all the classes for that category) see paragraph [0029]).

As to claim 9, Moore disclose, task identifier used to indicate a content of a file within a computer-implemented system for providing help content to a user, wherein the task identifier includes at least one element selected from a controlled vocabulary (example, document control object, name of the directory for each class, the string, see paragraph [0034] and figure 1,element 216).

As to claim 10, Moore disclose, further comprising at least one object element selected from a limited set of object choices (example, user make selection (e.g., “MATH”, see paragraph [0034]).

As to claim 11, Moore disclose, further comprising at least one action element selected from a limited set of action choices (example “find”, see paragraph [0039]).

As to claim 12, Moore disclose, wherein said at least one element is delineated as being affiliated with at least one taxonomic category (example, “.backslash.CLASSES” directory, see paragraph [0028]).

As to claim 13, Moore disclose, wherein said at least one element is delineated as being affiliated with more than one taxonomic category (example, a new document control object associate with the template document, see paragraph [0034-0035]).

As to claim 14, Moore disclose, wherein the task identifier further comprises a plurality of elements arranged in accordance with a predetermined structure (example, predetermined document structure, see paragraph [0021]).

As to claim 15, Moore disclose, wherein the task identifier further comprises a plurality of elements arranged in accordance with a predetermined order of linguistic structural components (example, list box appears with list of classes (linguistic means list of all the classes for that category) see paragraph [0029]).

As to claim 16, Moore disclose, computer-implemented method for at least semi- automatically applying a taxonomic classification to a file to be incorporated into a system for providing help content to a user (example automatically naming, automatically entered into the title depending on which class the student selects ".backslash.CLASSES" see paragraph [0024], [0031] and [0028]), the method comprising: assigning a first taxonomic category to a first word selection from a set of word selections (example, ". backslash.CLASSES" directory, see paragraph [0028]); providing a user with the set of word selections that can be assigned to represent an element of a task identifier (example, ".backslash.CLASSES" directory, see paragraph [0028]), the task identifier being configured to identify the file within the system (example, name of the directory for each class, the string, see paragraph [0034] and figure 1,element 216); receiving a selection from the user that is indicative of the first word selection from the set of word selections (example, user makes selection "Math", see paragraph [0034]); and assigning the first taxonomic category to the file based on

the selection received from the user (example, ".backslash.CLASSES" directory, one for each class, see paragraph [0028]).

As to claim 17, Moore disclose, assigning a second taxonomic category to a first word selection from a set of word selections; and assigning the second taxonomic category to the file based on the selection received from the user (example, student selects date or sequential number, see paragraph [0031]).

As to claim 18, Moore disclose, wherein assigning a first taxonomic category to a first word selection from a set of word selections further comprises assigning a first taxonomic category to a first word selection from a limited set of word selections (example, History, Math, Science and English see paragraph [0031]).

As to claim 19, Moore disclose a computer-implemented method for sorting a plurality of help files within a system for providing help content (example, name of the directory for each class, the string, see paragraph [0034] and figure 1,element 216), the method comprising: assigning a task identifier to each of the plurality of help files, wherein each task identifier includes an element selected from a limited vocabulary (example, document control object, name of the directory for each class, the string, see paragraph [0034] and figure 1,element 216); and sorting the plurality of help files based at least in part on said element (example, list box appears with list of classes in (list is sorted for selection purpose) see paragraph [0029]).

As to claim 20, Moore, further comprising sorting (example, list box appears with list of classes in (list is sorted for selection purpose) see paragraph [0029]) the plurality

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of help files based at least in part on a taxonomic category assigned to said element (example, ".backslash.CLASSES" directory, see paragraph [0028]).

***Conclusion***

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant disclosure.

Martucci (US Pub No: 2004/0019464) is cited to System and method for identifying data streams associated with medical equipment.

Starbuck (US Pub No: 2003/0084096) is cited to Computer system with file association and application retrieval

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Meseker Takele whose telephone number is (571) 270-1653. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 7:30AM- 5:00PM est.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Xiao Wu can be reached on (571) 272-2100. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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